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SUBJECT: GOES RELEASES PRELIMINARY ELECTION RESULTS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1223

1. GOES CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ELECTIONS (CCE) ON MARCH 15 RELEASED  
WHAT WAS TERMED "PRELIMINARY" INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF  
MARCH 12 ELECTIONS FOR 54 DEPUTIES IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND  
261 MAYORS.

2. COUNTRY-WIDE TOTALS FOR DEPUTIES GIVEN AS PARTIDO  
CONCILIATION NACIONAL (PCN - OFFICIAL PARTY) 776,673;  
PARTIDO POPULAR SALVADORENO (PPS - OPPOSITION) 82,535; FOR  
A TOTAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTE OF 849,208. CCE HAS STATED  
VOTE WILL GIVEN PCN 50 DEPUTIES IN NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND  
PPS FOUR (TWO FROM DEPARTMENT OF SAN SALVADOR, ONE  
FROM LA LIBERTAD AND ONE FORM USATLAN). VOTES FOR  
MAYORSHIPS SLIGHTLY LESS WITH PCN RECEIVING 620,541  
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AND PPS 36,155. ALL 261 MAYORSHIPS REPORTEDLY WON BY  
PCN.

3. GOES OFFICIALS AND PCN-ORIENTED MEDIA CONTINUE TO  
EXPRESS PRIDE AND PLEASURE WITH VOTER TURNOUT. ALTHOUGH  
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS NOT RELEASED, PRESUMABLY 850,000  
FIGURE CLOSE TO CORRECT TOTAL ALTHOUGH QUITE POSSIBLE

THAT SOME CAST VOTES ONLY FOR MAYORS AND OTHERS ONLY FOR DEPUTIES SINCE PPS DID NOT FIELD CANDIDATES IN ALL 14 DEPARTMENTS. IF 850,000 FIGURE CLOSE, IT MEANS THAT LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1,800,000 REGISTERED VOTERS PARTICIPATED AND THIS FIGURE APPROXIMATELY 350,000 LESS THAN VOTE COUNT RELEASED FOR 1977 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. POSSIBLE THAT CCE WILL RELEASE FINAL FIGURES AT LATER DATE WITH MORE COMPLETE BREAKDOWN, HOWEVER, RESULTS NOT EXPECTED TO CHANGE.

4. COMMENT. VOTING RESULTS LISTED AS PRELIMINARY SINCE SOME AREAS MAY HAVE RECOUNT AND PPS CAN STILL FILE FORMAL WRITTEN CHARGES OF FRAUD TO SUPPORT THEIR VERBAL ACCUSATIONS MADE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTIONS (SEE REFTEL). ALMOST 10 TO 1 ADVANTAGE FOR PCN ABOUT RATIO ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER, PSS IT-SELF OBVIOUSLY EXPECTED TO GAIN MORE THAN FOUR SEATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND AT LEAST A TOKEN NUMBER OF MAYORS.

5. QUESTIONABLE SIZE OF VOTER PARTICIPATION AND 11 PERCENT VOTE FOR OBSCURE AND UNORGANIZED PPS POSSIBLE INDICATION THAT FULL-SCALE PARTICIPATION BY UNO COALITION IN HONEST ELECTION COULD HAVE GIVEN PCN REAL COMPETITION. PCN HAS FULFILLED CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION OF HOLDING ELECTION AND RETAINS COMPLETE AND UNCONTESTED CONTROL OF ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT.  
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